GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SHIFTING CULTIVATION
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Centrally sponsored scheme to control shifting cultivation was started in certain States;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the achievements made in this regard, State- wise;

(c) the number of tribal families engaged in shifting cultivation at present in different parts of the country, State-wise;

(d) whether any pilot scheme had been launched previously in some States to control the shifting cultivation ; and

(e) if so, the result of that scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) Yes, Sir. Under Special Central assistance to States, Watershed DevelopmentProject in Shifting Cultivation Areas is being implemented in the seven States of North Eastern Region from 1994-95.

(b) The financial and physical achievements made upto 1992-2000 are as under:

Name of State	Physical (Area in ha.)	Financial (Rs. In lakhs)
Arunachal Pradesh	10824	661
Assam	7319	480
Manipur	38842	1880
Meghalaya	15328	761
Mizoram	40361	1936
Nagaland	36600	2200
Tripura	7506	664

(c) The number of families engaged in shifting cultivation in the country, State-wise are as under:

1. Andhra Pradesh 23200

2. Arunachal Pradesh 54000

3. Assam 58000

4. Manipur 70000

5. Meghalaya 52290
6. Mizoram 50000

7 Nagaland 116046

8. Orissa 141000

9. Tripura 43000

(d)&(e) Yes, Sir. A Pilot Project for Control of Shifting Cultivation was launched duringthe 5th Five Year Plan (1976-79) covering the whole of North-Eastern region, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa. The Scheme continued for two years and thereafter it was transferred to the State Sector. However, the Scheme was continued in 2 Union Territories namely Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram till 1982-83. Under this scheme 3400 ha. area was developed benefitting 1700 jhumia families with an expenditure of Rs.129.711 lakhs.